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Subject: Reminder on Webinar Archives, & New Training Updates for Housing Counselors

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Reminder on Webinar Archives:

All of the HUD Office of Housing Counseling's webinars are posted in archival form on the <u>Training Webinar Archive</u>. There is no registration or fee required to view these archival versions. Recent postings include:

- Original air date: October 15, 2014 Webinar: Intermediary Training,
 Oversight of Networks. The HUD Office of Housing Counseling will be hosting
 a series of webinars on the roles and responsibilities of organizations with
 networks of sub-grantees, affiliates, and/or branch offices. These trainings
 will cover the topics of Network Monitoring, Network Expansion, Grant
 Administration and Technical Assistance. This first webinar provided an
 overview of the series and briefly address network monitoring, expansion,
 grant administration. The webinar also discussed affirmatively furthering fair
 housing requirements for HUD participating agencies through marketing
 activities. All HUD Housing Counseling Program participating agencies such
 as Intermediary Organizations, State Housing Finance Agencies, Multi State
 Organizations and Local agencies that have multiple offices should plan to
 watch this informative series. Watch the YouTube video. View the
 presentation. (.PDF)
- Original air date: October 28, 2014 Webinar: Data needs and sources for Housing Counseling Agencies: A look at what kinds of data housing counseling agencies use and what data would be beneficial. The presenters also discussed sources of data, including a demonstration of the Location Affordability Portal (LAP). The audio replay number is (800) 475-6701, Access Code: 335205. View the presentation. Much of the LAP demonstration of various websites and data sources was live so is not part of this archive. The Location Affordability Portal can be accessed at www.locationaffordability.info. If you are interested in hearing more about the tools or helping to improve them by building our knowledge base about how they are being used, please contact: locationaffordability@hud.gov.

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New Training Updates for Housing Counselors:

1. **HUD Training for Housing Counselors:** Register for these opportunities today. Space is limited. After registering you will receive a confirmation email

containing information about joining the training. There is no fee. Sponsored by HUD's Office of Housing Counseling. Visit the HUD Office of Housing Counseling Training Calendar on-line:

HUD Exchange: HUD has launched an online curriculum, including video, dynamic presentations and self-paced training modules, designed to help HUD partners understand Federal financial requirements. The HUD Exchange Training and Events website also has many other courses and training opportunities of interest to non-profit and local government agencies. Visit HUD Exchange to learn more and register for training opportunities.

FHA Mortgage Program Training: Visit <u>FHA's Webinar Archive</u> to view training on insured mortgage programs like HECM, 203K, non-profit programs, disaster recovery and much more.

HECM Protocol Stakeholder Meetings: HUD's Office of Housing Counseling will be holding two stakeholder meetings on the Home Equity Conversion Mortgage (HECM) protocol. The purpose of these stakeholder meetings is to seek HECM counseling agency stakeholder ideas and feedback on how to make the current HECM protocol more efficient and effective. Attendance is very limited for both of these meetings, Register today.

- November 18, 2014 3:00 PM 4:00 PM Eastern time. This session is for Intermediaries and State Housing Finance Agencies. <u>Register on-line</u>.
- December 02, 2014 3:00 PM 4:00 PM Eastern time. This session is for local agencies. <u>Register on-line</u>.

Demystifying HUD's Homeless Programs: Demystifying HUD's Homeless Programs. Please join the HUD Center for Faith-Based & Neighborhood Partnerships at 3:00 PM (Eastern Time) for a conversation with HUD's Community Planning & Development's Office of Special Needs Assistance Programs (SNAPS). You will learn more about the programs HUD administers to assist the homeless population, the types of services offered, how your organization can become engaged locally, and where to get technical assistance.

November 19, 2014 - Conference call: Register on-line.

2. RCAC Grant Writing Webinar:

November 18, 2014 - Webinar: Secrets to Grant Writing. This training is highly recommended for program managers and less experienced grant writers. Sponsored by the Rural Community Assistance Corporation (RCAC). The webinar will begin at: 3:00 pm Eastern Time on 11/18/14 and will last 90

minutes. Log on to the webinar, Password: grant. Call-in toll number 1-650-479-3208. Access code: 660 708 223. Registration is not required.

3. IRS Educational Products, Workshops and Seminars for Exempt Organizations:

The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) offers training for non-profit organizations. Visit their website to <u>view the IRS training calendar</u>. The IRS provides training for tax-exempt organizations and charitable organizations seeking tax-exempt status at: <u>www.StayExempt.irs.gov</u>. The site includes information for new applicants; information to help existing exempt organizations maintain their exemption; and more in-depth topics. Also <u>View the IRS webinar course catalog</u> for workshops you can take on-line. Training dates include:

- December 09, 2014 Austin, TX
- 4. Save the Date for These Upcoming NeighborWorks® Training Opportunities: More information can be found on their <u>training calendar</u>.

NeighborWorks® Training Institutes: Learn, network and share best practices -- building your skills, maximizing your effectiveness and impact of your Agency.

- December 08-12, 2014 Washington, DC, Register on-line.
- February 23-27, 2015 Los Angeles, CA, Register on-line

On-line training: visit <u>NeighborWorks® Training Website</u> to see their on-line course catalog and register for training opportunities.

- 5. NHNLA Training for Housing Counselors: The National Council of La Raza Homeownership Network Learning Alliance (NHNLA) offers housing counselors extensive on-line training opportunities on a variety of topics. For more information, registrations, and course details, please visit the NHNLA training Calendar. Please see the list of new courses below:
 - December 02, 2014 Webinar: Basic Client Management Using CounselorMax
 - December 04, 2014 Webinar: Home Equity Conversion Mortgage (HECM) Counseling
 - December 09, 2014 Webinar: Advanced Client Management Using CounselorMax
 - December 11, 2014 Webinar: Homeless Counseling
 - January 13, 2015 Webinar: Predatory Lending

- January 15, 2015 Webinar: Basic Client Management Using Home Counselor Online
- January 20, 2015 Webinar: Advanced Client Management Using Home Counselor Online
- January 22, 2015 Webinar: HUD Compliance
- January 27, 2015 Webinar: Fair Housing
- May 20, 2015 Webinar: Rental Counseling
- May 21, 2015 Webinar: Fair Housing
- May 26, 2015 Webinar: Basic Client Management Using CounselorMax
- May 27, 2015 Webinar: Home Equity Conversion Mortgage (HECM) Counseling
- May 28, 2015 Webinar: Advanced Client Management Using CounselorMax
- 6. National Community Reinvestment Coalition (NCRC) National Training Academy comes to Milwaukee, WI, on November 17-21, 2014: Housing counselors and professional staff affiliated with HUD-Certified Housing Counseling Agencies are invited to attend the comprehensive housing counseling training courses "Housing Counseling Principles for Today's Economic Reality" and "Financial Health Credit Education" on November 17-21, 2014, at the Hilton Garden Inn Hotel in Milwaukee, WI. Please visit NCRC to find more information regarding the Milwaukee Trainings (Click "Training" to access the NCRC Training Academy's portal). These courses are provided with support from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Office of Housing Counseling.
 - November 17-21, 2014 HC101: Housing Counseling Principles for Today's Economic Reality. This five-day, 30-hour certification course will introduce new counselors to the principles and applications of housing counseling from both the lender's and the counselor's points of view; review the skills and tools needed to be an effective housing counselor; provide an overview of the industry from a national perspective; and present information about delinquency, default, and pre- and post-purchase counseling for homeowners. Topics include: General housing counseling techniques, Income analysis and affordability computations, Documentation and recordkeeping in the counseling process. This training counts for 5 Continuing Education Credits (CEUs). Register on-line.
 - November 17-19, 2014 HC107: Financial Health Credit Education. This
 three day, 18-hour course will focus on the elements of financial planning
 that prepare individuals for success. In particular, it will explore the
 financial fitness of individuals by explaining budgeting and assessing the
 financial process. It will also help individuals identify what is considered
 income, track expenses, forecast expenses, and set financial goals. This
 course will: Discuss the methods used to analyze cash flow and provide
 an in-depth understanding of how to calculate spendable income,

distinguish between wants and needs, and develop an action plan, Provide tools to assist when evaluating the need to make a big purchase, the pros and cons of owning a home, and how to maximize investment strategies, Explore ways of becoming financially solvent after a major financial crisis (for example, rebuilding after a major financial loss), how to transition from homeowner to renter, and whether to consider homeownership in the future. This training counts for 3 Continuing Education Credits (CEUs). Register on-line.

NCRC Annual Conference Comes to Washington DC: The conference is an opportunity to engage with colleagues on issues such as mortgage servicing, exclusionary zoning, Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing, disparate impact, and other important community concerns. This includes gaining a clear understanding of emerging legal issues and cases, and how they may affect local communities.

March 25, 2015 - NCRC Annual Conference. Register on-line.

NCRC National Training Academy - Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing Training: In this FREE two-day training, community development practitioners, housing professionals, and local government officials will learn about Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing (AFFH) requirements and regulations that spell out the fair housing obligations of states, cities and towns across America. Dates and locations include:

- December 08-09, 2014 Honolulu, Oahu, HI. Register on-line.
- 7. Webinars sponsored by Making Home Affordable (MHA): These training events designed specifically for housing counselors and other trusted advisors. Registration for the below courses and other information are available on-line:
 - November 13, 2014 Home Affordable Modification Program Part
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 - November 17, 2014 Home Affordable Foreclosure Alternatives Program
 - November 18, 2014 MHA Tools and Resources for Trusted Advisors
 - November 20, 2014 Second Lien Modification Program (2MP) for Trusted Advisors
- 8. Partner to Progress Strategic Leadership Forum for Housing Counselors: Partner to Progress Strategic Leadership Forum. Sponsored by HomeFree. For additional information, please contact Frances Robinson at Telephone: 855- 493-4002 ext.604 or email: francesr@homefreeusa.org.
 - December 08, 2014 Honolulu, Oahu, HI. Register on-line

9. Marketing 101 by VHDA:

The Virginia Housing Development Authority (VHDA) is providing <u>YouTube</u> video training for non-profit agencies on how to market the services your agency offers. Additionally, they have posted many more informative training videos for non-profit agencies and consumers; please visit their <u>YouTube</u> <u>Channel</u> to view all their current training offerings.

10. OCC Financial Literacy Update:

The Office of the Comptroller of the Currency (OCC)'s Financial Literacy Update is a bimonthly e-newsletter that reports financial literacy events, initiatives, and related resources of the OCC and other government agencies and organizations.

Financial Literacy Update provides brief descriptions and Web links for events and training. Housing Counselors can visit the Financial Literacy Update on-line.

HUD-OHC Listserv Bulk subscriptions:

Some housing counselors have asked, "How do I sign up my entire agency staff for HUD Office of Housing Counseling (HUD-OHC) listserv updates?" It is easy... Just list your staff email addresses like this:

aaa@xyz.com bbb@xyz.com ccc@xyz.com

You can send in one email address or your entire agency. Then <u>Email your list</u> to HUD-OHC. If you have a housing counseling industry friend who you want to subscribe to this listsery, there are 2 other ways to sign up: Send them this <u>link</u> or forward them this email.

Some Helpful Links for Housing Counselors:

- Email Technical Support for Housing Counselors
- HUD Housing Counseling Webpage
- The Bridge Housing Counseling Newsletter Archive
- Housing Counseling Listserv Archive
- Training Webinar Archive
- Events & Training Calendar
- Contracting Opportunities
- Career Opportunities
- Grant Opportunities
- Disaster Recovery Resources

- Foreclosure Assistance
- Making Home Affordable
- FHA Resource Center
- Index of HUD Listserv Mailing Lists

Disclaimer: This list will often provide training opportunities, event notifications and other announcements for non-profit and government HUD Housing Counseling partners. HUD does not endorse the organizations sponsoring linked websites, and we do not endorse the views they express or the products/services they or their community/business partner's offer. For more information please see <u>HUD's web-policies</u>

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Thank you!!!!